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actions and contract actions against the carrier, a point which is often passed over or confused in other similar treatises. The sections on the rights and liabilities of initial and connecting carriers, and the application of the Carmack Amendment to these questions, are also treated with great ability.

Some statements in the chapters on Bailments detract in a manner from the otherwise general excellence of the work. The writer remarks in several places that gratuitous bailments arise out of contract. It is true that the party benefited in those transactions possesses certain well established property rights, but it is submitted that such rights are inherent in the bailment relation or status, rather than constituting the attributes of contract. Promises to give a bailment for mutual benefit are of course legally enforceable, since they rest upon the necessary consideration. But it cannot be said that the party benefited surrenders any legal right where the agreement is one for a gratuitous bailment. Mutual agreements do not necessarily import a contract, as for example a promise to make a gift, which is everywhere held to be *nudum pactum*. It would appear preferable to abandon the anomalous theory of a contract without consideration, and explain the gratuitous bailment on the sound basis of a vested property right. The work is otherwise fully up to the standard of the Hornbooks, and should enjoy a popularity similar to other of the series.

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